

FOURTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1901.
Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present—26.

Davidson of	Patterson.
DeWitt.	Paulus.
Davidson of	Potter.
Galveston.	Savage.
Dibrell.	Sebastian.
Goss.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Staples.
Harris of Bexar.	Swann.
Harris of Hunt.	Turner.
Johnson.	Turney.
Lipscomb.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Wheeler.
McGee.	Wilson.
Odell.	Yett.

Absent—5.

Beaty.	Miller.
Hanger.	Neal.
James.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of last Friday,

On motion of Senator Wayland, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Potter, Senator James was excused from attendance upon the Senate during this week, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Swann, Senator Turner was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate last Thursday and Friday, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Turner, Senator Neal was excused from attendance upon the Senate today, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Wayland, Senator Harris of Hunt was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate on last Friday, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Wilson, Senator Beaty was excused from attendance upon the Senate today, on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Wayland presented to the Senate a memorial from the grand jurors of Limestone county asking for the passage of House bill No. 11, making it an

offense to wager anything of value on a game played with cards in any place whatsoever, and asking also that the penal law be so amended as to make it an offense to bet on any game played with dice at any place and under any circumstances.

The memorial was read, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committee reports were made to the Senate:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 17, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and maintain a four year college course of classical and scientific studies at the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College at Prairie View, Waller county, Texas,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
STAPLES, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 39, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3910, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to school days and school months,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
STAPLES, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 43, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2556, Chapter 1, Title LI, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing the papers that shall be copied at length in the minutes of the court, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
STAPLES, Acting Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Johnson:

Senate bill No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4824 and 4825 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to the salaries of the superintendents of the lunatic asylums, the superintendent of the Blind Asylum, the superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, the superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, and fixing the salaries of the assistant physicians of the lunatic asylums, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Johnson:

Senate bill No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for a uniform method of recording maps and plats of town sites, additions and subdivisions, and to legalize those heretofore made."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Wayland:

Senate bill No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the punishment of anyone guilty of kidnapping or carrying away any child or other person."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Harris of Hunt:

Senate bill No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the sale and release of all the interest which the State of Texas, or the Confederate Home, situated in the city of Austin, or either of them, acquired under the last will of J. E. Allen, deceased, late of Hunt county, Texas, to certain lands situated in said county, Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Goss:

Senate bill No. 119, A bill to be entitled "An Act to set apart annually one per cent. of the permanent school fund to the credit of the available school fund of the State."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Wheeler:

Senate bill No. 120, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the fees of clerks of the county court for filing and registering chattel mortgages, and for entering satisfaction of same, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Yett:

Senate bill No. 121, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the dissemination of smallpox and other contagious diseases;

to provide notice of same to proper authorities; making it a penal offense for any person to violate this act, and to provide penalty therefor."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Harris of Bexar:

Senate bill No. 122, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1276, Chapter 10, Title XXX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to continuances."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Davidson of Galveston:

Senate bill No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2, Title LXVI, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to liens of mechanics, builders and material men."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Davidson of DeWitt:

Senate bill No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of domestic animals, for the creation of a live stock sanitary commission; to provide rules and regulations therefor; to provide penalties for violating the same; to make an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act; to repeal Chapter 7, Title CII, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to Live Stock Sanitary Commission; and further, to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock-raising.

By Senator Wheeler:

Senate bill No. 125, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for and regulate the granting of license to practice as attorney and counselor at law in all the courts of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Harris of Bexar:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, Providing for a contract to be entered into between the State of Texas and the San Antonio Water Works Company for procuring a supply of water for the Southwestern Insane Asylum in San Antonio, Texas.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Asylums.

By Senator Savage:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6, To amend Article 7 of the Constitution by adding thereto Sections 16 and 17, providing for the government of the University of Texas and the A. and M. Col-

lege, and vesting such government in boards to be elected by the people.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES.

The following executive messages were delivered to the Senate, and were immediately read:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

On the 8th day of September last a storm broke upon the portion of the Texas coast, embracing the counties of Galveston and Brazoria and extending into the interior, that for destructiveness was without precedent on the North American Continent.

It is believed that fully eight thousand lives were lost, and that property aggregating many millions of dollars in value was destroyed.

Its severity fell most heavily upon the counties of Galveston, Brazoria, Fort Bend and Waller, and upon portions of Harris, Matagorda, Wharton, Washington, Austin, Grimes and Montgomery.

Galveston county was by far the greatest sufferer and stood the most urgently in need of immediate assistance.

As soon as communication could be re-established with the city relief was extended to its stricken people with all possible rapidity.

Assistance was promptly tendered by the President.

Upon my request vessels were dispatched to Galveston in order to facilitate the movement of supplies, and fifty thousand government rations were hastened from San Antonio—the Departmental Commander, General McKibben, accompanying them to insure their speedy and safe delivery.

The acknowledgment is made, with much pleasure, that his services, in trying circumstances, were valuable and timely.

The Adjutant General was directed to aid the city authorities in the maintenance of order and in the protection of life and property, with the assistance of such companies of the Volunteer Guard as were necessary for the purpose.

The manner in which this important and delicate duty was discharged is fully set forth in his biennial report, already published and in the possession of the Legislature.

Within less than thirty-six hours after the great disaster money and supplies were forwarded from every portion of the country to relieve the situation.

The people everywhere—of all classes

and conditions and of every age—responded quickly and generously.

The magnitude and suddenness of the misfortune moved the popular heart as rarely ever before, and aroused into immediate action its most generous impulses—finding expression in contributions equal to the necessities of the occasion.

When considering this great and unhappy occurrence it can hardly be determined which is the most impressive—the enormous and unprecedented loss of life and wreckage of property that marked the pathway of the storm; or the prompt, steady and courageous determination of those who so greatly suffered to do all that in them lay to retrieve their shattered fortunes and to bravely bear the sorrow that had come upon them so quickly and so heavily; or the splendid and unmistakable manifestation of the kindly feeling that abides in the human heart for misfortune and distress whenever it may arise and among whatever people.

The correspondence—telegraphic and otherwise—on file in the Executive Office—would comprise a volume, and if published would reveal a feature of our nature that is indeed lovely to behold and would furnish convincing proof that the tie which binds man to man was wrought by the Divine Hand and is too strong ever to be broken.

The great corporations of the country responded liberally and without solicitation.

The railway, telegraph, express and telephone companies rendered prompt and effective service without charge.

The press freely and actively exercised its kindly offices, and many of the dailies not only raised large contributions, but directly superintended their distribution in the storm stricken district.

Mercantile and banking associations organized among themselves relief committees that were instrumental in securing large donations.

Governors of States and mayors of cities and towns issued proclamations and in person superintended the generous work.

The Red Cross Society acted with its accustomed promptness and liberality and its President, the peerless woman—Clara Barton—came in person to the State and aided in every way possible.

Nor were measures of relief confined to our own country. Funds were forwarded from British Columbia, Canada, Cuba, England, Switzerland, France, Germany, Hawaii, the West Indies, and the Congress of the Mexican Republic voted an appropriation of \$30,000 from

its treasury in addition to subscriptions by individuals.

Contributions were also made by the Chinese and Costa Rican Ministers, and expressions of sympathy came from the governments of Great Britain, Germany, France, Mexico, Spain, Peru, Chili, Uruguay and Hayti through their representatives at Washington, and also from the Governor of Porto Rico and the mayor of San Juan.

It is recommended that the Legislature take such action as will show its appreciation of the deep and sincere sympathy and of the exceeding great generosity in the hour of our misfortune and distress.

In response to the resolution adopted by the House of Representatives, the following statement of receipts and disbursements is herewith submitted, to-wit:

Report of such funds as were received and disbursed by the Governor for the benefit of the storm sufferers, and also of contributions from other sources, but not passing through his hands, as shown by reports on file in the Executive Office:

CITY OF GALVESTON.

(By the Governor) Cash,		
general fund.	\$519,845 72	
(By the Governor) Cash,		
special fund.	53,263 69	
(By the Governor) Cash,		
for supplies		
purchased ..	26,479 10	
		\$599,588 51
Other funds:		
Cash, general		
fund	\$664,741 61	
Cash, special		
fund	73,907 02	
Cash, Harris		
county sup-		
plies and re-		
lief	17,102 67	
Cargo "Mc-		
Pherson" ...	163,128 16	
		\$918,879 46

BRAZORIA COUNTY.

(By the Governor) Cash.	\$128,029 05	
(By the Governor) Sup-		
plies	27,899 78	
		\$155,928 83
Supplies from		
Harris coun-		
ty committee		2,937 74

GALVESTON COUNTY MAINLAND.

(By the Governor) Cash.	\$ 56,026 00	
(By the Governor) Sup-		
plies pur-		
chased	5,884 16	
		\$ 61,910 16
Supplies from		
Harris coun-		
ty committee		2,447 16

HARRIS COUNTY.

(By the Governor) Cash.	\$ 14,600 00	
Cash through		
Harris coun-		
ty committee		43,816 75

FORT BEND COUNTY.

(By the Governor) Cash.	\$ 39,000 00	
(By the Governor) Sup-		
plies	10,381 04	
		\$ 49,381 04
Supplies from		
Harris coun-		
ty committee		674 64

WALLER COUNTY.

(By the Governor) Cash.	\$ 27,750 00	
(By the Governor) Sup-		
plies	6,316 95	
		\$ 34,066 95

REFUGEES IN AND PASSING THROUGH HOUSTON.

(By the Governor) Cash.	\$ 25,000 00	
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WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(By the Governor) Cash.	\$ 9,000 00	
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AUSTIN COUNTY.

(By the Governor) Cash.	\$ 7,500 00	
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WHARTON COUNTY.

(By the Governor) Cash.	\$ 6,167 75	
(By the Governor) Sup-		
plies	926 04	
		\$ 7,093 79

GRIMES COUNTY.

(By the Governor) Cash.	\$ 7,000 00	
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY.		
(By the Governor) Cash.	\$	5,000 00
MATAGORDA COUNTY.		
(By the Governor) Cash.	\$	3,500 00
RECAPITULATION.		
Place.	By the Governor.	Grand Total.
City of Galveston	\$599,588 51	\$1,518,467 97
Brazoria county	155,928 83	158,866 57
Galveston county mainland .	61,910 16	64,357 32
Harris county	14,600 00	58,416 75
Fort Bend county	\$ 49,381 04	\$ 50,055 68
Waller county	34,066 95	34,066 95
Refugees in and passing through Houston ..	25,000 00	25,000 00
Washington county	9,000 00	9,000 00
Austin county	7,500 00	7,500 00
Wharton county	7,093 79	7,093 79
Grimes county	7,000 00	7,000 00
Montgomery county	5,000 00	5,000 00
Matagorda county	3,500 00	3,500 00
	\$979,566 28	\$1,948,414 03

It must not be supposed, however, that the foregoing statement embraces all the contributions that reached the flood stricken district. Not only from many counties in the State, but also from other localities, supplies were forwarded direct, of which no account has been rendered to the Executive Office. An official report, however, has been received of one hundred and nineteen cars of such freight passing through Houston for Galveston. The statement, also, does not include donations by the Red Cross and secret societies, by benevolent organizations, by churches and by many individuals, nor does it include the fifty thousand government rations sent from San Antonio.

ADDITIONAL RELIEF.

As yet no suggestion or application has reached the Executive Office from any portion of the storm stricken dis-

trict, except the city of Galveston, for further relief by the State than the remission of taxes for the present and the next fiscal years. After a most careful and thorough inquiry into the conditions that prevail in that portion of the State, I am led to believe that the remission of the ad valorem State tax, not including that for the support of the public free schools, should be granted to those only who suffered from the storm of September, last, and are unable to pay such tax. In order to guard, as well as may be, against fraud and imposition, the commissioners court of each county should be authorized and required to pass upon every application and to enter upon its minutes, as other business, the name of each applicant, the amount of tax involved, and its action thereon; and if such action be favorable it should be certified to the collector of taxes and to the Comptroller, so that the proper credit may be allowed upon the rolls. It might be well to allow the same authority to the court as respects the ad valorem county taxes. The assessor should not be permitted to receive commissions upon the taxes so remitted.

An inspection of the rolls on file in the Comptroller's office will disclose the fact that there are many properties and individuals in all of the counties interested that should not be relieved from taxation, and for that reason the foregoing suggestions have been submitted.

The county of Galveston, it is understood, will ask for the remission of all State taxes due for the present fiscal year, and that for a term of years such taxes may be used by the city for the purpose of raising its present level so as to be protected against future storms.

I have to recommend as to the remission of the tax for the present fiscal year action similar to that recommended for the counties on the mainland, with like safeguards and limitations.

As to future taxes it is believed that their remission to the city should not include the tax for the maintenance of the public free schools, and that the grant, if made, should be accompanied by such legislation as will insure their proper application to the purpose intended.

Not only the entire State, but the territory west of the Mississippi river is directly and deeply interested in the maintenance of Galveston as a deep water port, and therefore the city is especially entitled to and should receive the careful and favorable consideration of the Legislature.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS,
Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, January 29, 1901.

To the Senate:

The advice and consent of the Senate is asked to the following appointments:

The Board of Managers of the State Lunatic Asylum—David Harrell, G. W. MacDonald, A. W. Carpenter, R. T. Hill, Samuel E. Hudson, all of Travis county.

The Board of Managers of the Southwest Texas Lunatic Asylum—Edwin Chamberlain, Homer Eads, T. D. Cobbs, T. L. Conroy, Selig Deutschman, all of Bexar county.

The Board of Managers of the North Texas Lunatic Asylum—John L. Terrell, J. F. Grinnan, B. L. Gill, M. G. Goss, W. A. Brooks, all of Kaufman county.

The Board of Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum—H. P. Hilliard, J. P. Lockridge, J. A. French, John E. Shelton, Joe Koen, all of Travis county.

The Board of Trustees of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum for Colored Youths—J. W. Hill, W. A. Boswell, J. W. Brady, Bouldin Rector, W. H. Thaxton, all of Travis county.

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Confederate Home—E. P. Raynolds, of Hays county; A. W. McIver, of Burleson county; J. B. Rogers, of Travis county; D. S. Chessher, of Williamson county; W. T. Wroe, of Travis county.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS,
Governor.

TIME FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Senator Sebastian, the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow, January 30, 1901, was designated as the time when the Senate would go into executive session to act upon the appointments made in the foregoing message.

Morning call concluded.

SPECIAL ORDER—SENATE BILL
NO. 50.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the special order of business,

Senate bill No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the Railroad Commission of Texas to make all police rules and regulations which could be lawfully made by the Legislature of Texas to secure prompt, adequate and efficient service over the railroads in this State."

Bill was read second time, and

Senator Potter offered the following amendment:

"Amend Section 1 by striking out the word 'believed,' in line 14, Section 1, of

the printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the word 'found.'"

Amendment was read, and adopted.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives.

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1901.

To Hon. J. N. Browning, President of Senate.

SIR: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

House bill No. 153, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the time of the payment of the State and county taxes for the year 1900, and all prior years, in the counties of Brazoria, Colorado, Galveston, Grimes, Matagorda, Fort Bend, Harris, Waller, Austin, Wharton, Jackson and Chambers for ninety days from and after the first day of February, 1901."

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

IN THE SENATE.

The Chair then referred, after its caption had been read, the foregoing reported House bill (House bill No. 153) to the Finance Committee.

(Senator Goss in the chair.)

PENDING BUSINESS—SENATE BILL
NO. 50.

Action recurring on engrossment of Senate bill No. 50, further consideration of the same was, on motion of Senator Savage, tabled subject to call.

SENATE BILL CALLED UP—SENATE
BILL NO. 61.

Senator Stafford called up from the table, on its engrossment,

Senate bill No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate primary elections and conventions, to prescribe the manner of holding the same, making returns, declaring the results and for regulating illegal practices therein, and to prescribe the conditions of participating therein."

The bill was then ordered engrossed.

SENATE BILL CALLED UP—SENATE
BILL NO. 25.

Senator Staples called up from the table, on its engrossment,

Senate bill No. 25, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define civil libel, slander and defamation of character; defining privileged communications; providing for rules of evidence therein,"

Action being on the amendment offered by Senator Staples (see Journal of January 23d), and pending further consideration was, on motion of Senator McGee, postponed until Thursday morning at the conclusion of the morning call, and made a special order for that hour. (Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.)

**REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL
NO. 17.**

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its third reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and maintain a four year college course of classical and scientific studies at the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College at Prairie View, Waller county, Texas."

Senator Goss offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the words: 'Provided, that no State student shall be admitted to the privileges of the said course.'"

Amendment was read, and adopted.

Senator Goss offered the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the words 'and' and 'further' in line 19 of printed bill."

Amendment was read, and adopted.

Bill was read third time, and passed.

**REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL
NO. 39.**

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its third reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3910, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to school days and school months."

Bill was read third time, and passed.

**REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL
NO. 43.**

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its third reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2556, Chapter 1, Title LI, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing the papers that shall be copied at length in the minutes of the court, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Bill was read third time, and passed.

**SENATE BILL CALLED UP—SENATE
BILL NO. 13.**

Senator Harris of Bexar called up from the table, on its second reading,

Senate bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define the character and quality of possession of real property which is sufficient to operate as constructive notice of the possessor's right or title thereto."

Bill read second time, and was, on motion of Senator Davidson of DeWitt, tabled subject to call.

**REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL
NO. 29.**

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create and establish an industrial institute and college in the State of Texas for the education of white girls in the arts and sciences."

Bill was read second time, and pending further consideration was, on motion of Senator Sebastian, tabled subject to call.

**REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL
NO. 62.**

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, with favorable majority and adverse minority committee reports, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 62, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the venue in suits upon written contracts."

Bill was read second time, and pending further consideration was, on motion of Senator Goss, tabled subject to call.

**SENATE BILL CALLED UP—SENATE
BILL NO. 68.**

Senator McGee called up from the table, on engrossment,

Senate bill No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the State Treasurer when money is remaining in the State treasury to the credit of any county, city or town after the obligations for which such money was placed in the treasury have been fully paid off to return such money to the county, city or town to which it belongs."

Senator McGee offered the following amendment:

"Amend Senate bill No. 68 by adding after the word 'treasurer,' in line 18, page 1, Section 1, the following: 'And the State Treasurer shall pay such money on said warrant of the Comptrol-

ler to the treasurer of such county, city or town."

Amendment was read, and adopted.

Bill was then ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator McGee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Davidson of	Paulus.
DeWitt.	Potter.
Davidson of	Savage.
Galveston.	Sebastian.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Goss.	Staples.
Grinnan.	Swann.
Harris of Bexar.	Turner.
Harris of Hunt.	Turney.
Lipscomb.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Wheeler.
McGee.	Wilson.
Odell.	Yett.
Patterson.	

Absent.

Hanger.	Miller.
Johnson.	

Absent—Excused.

Beaty.	Neal.
James.	

Bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Davidson of	Paulus.
DeWitt.	Potter.
Davidson of	Savage.
Galveston.	Sebastian.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Goss.	Staples.
Grinnan.	Swann.
Harris of Bexar.	Turner.
Harris of Hunt.	Turney.
Lipscomb.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Wheeler.
McGee.	Wilson.
Odell.	Yett.

Absent.

Hanger.	Miller.
Johnson.	Patterson.

Absent—Excused.

Beaty.	Neal.
James.	

Senator McGee moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table.

Motion to table prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By unanimous consent, the following

committee reports were made to the Senate:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 110, being a bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing an association or private corporation, incorporated for school purposes, to sell or donate the property owned by said association or corporation to the trustees of the public free school in the community or district in which said property is situated, and prescribing the mode of conveying the same,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

PAULUS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 153, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time of the payment of the State and county taxes for the year 1900 in the counties of Brazos, Galveston, Grimes, Matagorda, Fort Bend, Harris, Waller, Austin, Wharton, Jackson, Chambers, Brazoria, Burleson, Robertson, Montgomery and Washington for ninety days from and after the first day of February, 1900,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

DIBRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 27, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2504, 2505, 2506 and 2507, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, regulating the termination of the fiscal year, requiring all appropriations made for the support of the State government to conform thereto, the time when the accounts of the public officers shall be closed and reports compiled, to whom the reports shall be transmitted and the date when, providing for the printing of the same

by the Secretary of State and transmission of the printed copies to the Legislature, making reports of all officers uniform as to the termination of the fiscal year, and the date when they shall close their accounts, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the same, by adding Article 2507a,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

DIBRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1901.
Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 19, being a bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Twenty-seventh Legislature,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*, for the reason that a like bill has passed the Senate.

DIBRELL, Chairman.

SENATE BILL CALLED UP—SENATE BILL NO. 78.

Senator Potter called up from the table, on engrossment.

Senate bill No. 78, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt school trustees and aldermen of certain cities from the penalties prescribed in an act entitled 'An Act to create a State Text-book Board, and to procure, for use in the public free schools of the State of Texas, a series of uniform text-books; defining the duties of certain officers therein named with reference thereto; making appropriation therefor; defining certain misdemeanors; providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency,' approved June 10, 1897."

Senator Potter offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding after the first word 'the,' in line 24 of printed bill, the following: 'superintendents of schools and teachers.'"

Amendment was read, and adopted.
The bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Potter, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Davidson of Galveston.	Paulus.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Savage.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Harris of Bexar.	Stafford.
Harris of Hunt.	Staples.
Johnson.	Swann.
Lipscomb.	Turner.
Lloyd.	Turney.
McGee.	Wayland.
Odell.	Wheeler.
Patterson.	Wilson.
	Yett.

Nays—1.

Davidson of DeWitt.

Absent.

Hanger. Miller.

Absent—Excused.

Beaty. Neal.

James.

(Senator Turner in the chair.)

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Davidson of Galveston.	Paulus.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Savage.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Harris of Bexar.	Stafford.
Harris of Hunt.	Staples.
Johnson.	Swann.
Lipscomb.	Turner.
Lloyd.	Turney.
McGee.	Wayland.
Odell.	Wheeler.
Patterson.	Wilson.
	Yett.

Nays—1.

Davidson of DeWitt.

Absent.

Hanger. Miller.

Absent—Excused.

Beaty. Neal.

James.

Senator Potter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

Motion to table prevailed.

REGULAR ORDER—SENATE BILL NO. 63.

The Chair then laid before the Senate, on its second reading, the regular order of business,

Senate bill No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act to grant relief to certain teach-

ers who taught during the school year of 1895-1896 in Greer county, which was then considered a portion of the State of Texas, the said services of teachers terminating with the date of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, transferring the county of Greer from the State of Texas, and making it a part of the Territory of Oklahoma."

Bill was read second time.

(Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.)

Bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Goss, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Davidson of	Paulus.
DeWitt.	Potter.
Davidson of	Savage.
Galveston.	Sebastian.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Goss.	Staples.
Grinnan.	Swann.
Harris of Bexar.	Turney.
Harris of Hunt.	Turner.
Johnson.	Wayland.
Lipscomb.	Wheeler.
Lloyd.	Wilson.
McGee.	Yett.
Patterson.	

Nays—1.

Odell.

Absent.

Hanger. Miller.

Absent—Excused.

Beaty. Neal.
James.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Davidson of	Patterson.
DeWitt.	Paulus.
Davidson of	Savage.
Galveston.	Sebastian.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Goss.	Staples.
Grinnan.	Turner.
Harris of Bexar.	Turney.
Harris of Hunt.	Wayland.
Johnson.	Wheeler.
Lipscomb.	Wilson.
Lloyd.	Yett.
McGee.	

Nays—1.

Odell.

Absent.

Hanger. Potter.
Miller. Swann.

Absent—Excused.

Beaty. Neal.
James.

Senator Goss moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

Motion to table prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By unanimous consent, the following committee reports were made to the Senate:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 25, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 44, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1851, Chapter 2, Title 39, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing what papers shall be recorded in the probate minutes, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

STAPLES, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 25, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate substitute bill No. 35, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the venue of suits against railroad corporations or against any assignee, trustee or receiver operating railways for damages arising from personal injuries resulting in death or otherwise, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

STAPLES, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 25, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 37, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3909a, Title LXXXVI, Chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes of 1895, relating to the public school curriculum,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

STAPLES, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 25, 1901.
Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate substitute bill No. 28, being a bill to be entitled "An Act regulating quarantine against dangerous, contagious and infectious diseases,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
STAPLES, Acting Chairman.

SENATE RULE SUSPENDED—HOUSE BILL NO. 153.

Senator Dibrell moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lay on the table for one day be suspended for the purpose of considering House bill No. 153 (see committee report or House message above for caption).

Rule was suspended.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House bill No. 153 was placed before the Senate, on its second reading, by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Davidson of	Patterson.
DeWitt.	Paulus.
Davidson of	Potter.
Galveston.	Savage.
Dibrell.	Sebastian.
Goss.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Staples.
Harris of Bexar.	Swann.
Harris of Hunt.	Turner.
Johnson.	Turney.
Lipscomb.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Wheeler.
McGee.	Wilson.
Odell.	Yett.

Absent.

Hanger. Miller.

Absent—Excused.

Neal. Beaty.
James.

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was further suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Davidson of	Dibrell.
DeWitt.	Grinnan.
Davidson of	Harris of Bexar.
Galveston.	Harris of Hunt.

Johnson.	Stafford.
Lipscomb.	Staples.
Lloyd.	Swann.
McGee.	Turner.
Odell.	Turney.
Patterson.	Wayland.
Paulus.	Wheeler.
Potter.	Wilson.
Savage.	Yett.
Sebastian.	

Absent.

Goss. Miller.
Hanger.

Absent—Excused.

Beaty. Neal.
James.

Bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Davidson of	Patterson.
DeWitt.	Paulus.
Davidson of	Potter.
Galveston.	Savage.
Dibrell.	Sebastian.
Goss.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Staples.
Harris of Bexar.	Turner.
Harris of Hunt.	Turney.
Johnson.	Swann.
Lipscomb.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Wheeler.
McGee.	Wilson.
Odell.	Yett.

Absent.

Hanger. Miller.

Absent—Excused.

Beaty. Neal.
James.

Senator Dibrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and lay that motion on the table.

Motion to table prevailed.

On motion of Senator McGee, the Senate, at 12:45 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex, Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present—28.

Beaty.	Davidson of
Davidson of	Galveston.
DeWitt.	Dibrell.